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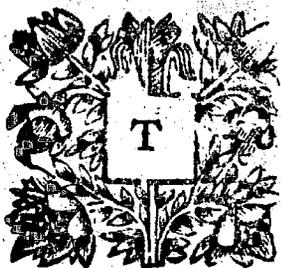
To His Excellency.

BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT, Governour and Commander in Chief. in and over the Province of *MARYLAND*,

THE  
Humble ADDRESS  
OF THE  
Upper House of ASSEMBLY.

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*May it please your Excellency,*



THE great Regard for the Publick Weal of this Province, which your Excellency is pleased to express in your kind Speech to both Houses of Assembly, at the opening of this Session, is so very agreeable to us, the Members of His Lordship's Upper House of Assembly, that We do, in the most grateful Manner, acknowledge the just Sense We have of Your Excellency's Wise and Prudent Conduct, in convening the Assembly, at a Conjunction, when the melancholy and languishing Circumstances of our People, by the low Price of the Staple of Tobacco, and when our Neighbours of *Virginia* are using their greatest Efforts towards an Improvement thereof, calls loudly upon the Legislature, to fall upon proper Ways and Means for preventing impending Mischiefs, by concerting such Measures, in Relation to the Growth and Manufacture of Tobacco, as may effectually advance the Trade and Staple thereof in both Colonies.

WE must confess ourselves to be under so much the greater Obligation to Your Excellency at this Time, that your great and sore Affliction, upon the Death of your Brother our late President and Commissary-General, hath not obstructed your Care and Solitude after the Publick Good. We heartily condole with Your Excellency, upon the untimely Death of that promising Branch of your Noble Family, who, if Providence had spared his Life, had already, during his short Stay among us, given an Earnest of becoming an Ornament to the Country.

IT is with a great deal of Pleasure, Sir, that we accept and highly approve of Your Excellency's good Offices, in settling a Correspondency with the Government of *Virginia*. We acknowledge likewise, the Favour of laying before this House, the Scheme of a Tobacco-Law formed there.